

Amendment

In the Abstract

Applicant hereby amends the abstract as follows (additions underlined, deletions in strikethrough):

~~This invention relates to a~~An anode-supported solid oxide fuel cell that is resistant to cracking caused by volume changes~~volume change induced cracking.~~
~~has a~~ The fuel cell has an anode support layer comprising a porous ion conducting structure that is impregnated with nickel-containing material. The porous ion-conducting structure may be composed of yttria-stabilized zirconia. The pores of the ion-conducting structure are impregnated with nickel-containing material ~~is impregnated in the pores of the ion-conducting structure~~ such that any expansion in volume associated with the oxidation of Ni to NiO occurs substantially within the pores of the anode support layer, thereby minimizing any volume expansion of the anode support layer, which in turn minimizes cracking.